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1 Stringy parts of oranges Regarding Longtime airer of the

Greed" Offerings from a truck or cart

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Carrier lead-in to méxico

17 Phish-monger? [Love ya!] "The devil _soul!": take Laertes

20 **Possible** response to 'Who's ready?" Start of a rally

Direction in a grilling recipe 23 Substack

alternative Was out for a bit "Come on, stop

dreaming' 29 Insect that can reproduce with or without mating

Oatmeal, e.g. Nano devices Hour, in Italy

"See ya later!" Beginning of Taurus season Zapped, in a way

Sale sign words Meals at which Elijah's cup is poured

41 Ay, there's the rub! Bordering on inappropriate, in

a way Needed a 41-Across

Golf course part Nephew of Abraham

Locale of the Sea of Serenity Literally, "grilled meat"

Homeboys One way to the highway

55 Opposite of post-Complimentary assortment in

a hotel room's

kitchenette,

maybe Padding for a grade point average

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Puzzle by Abigail Martin

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Alternative to "Hey!"

Nagging desire It may come with breakfast in bed Sew what?

Green poke bowl topping Evening meal during Ramadan

Genre of "The Maltese Falcon" and "The Big Sleep' Bit of scattered

Valentine's Day décor D.C. summer hrs. **Finished**

with hair and makeup, say Exciting announcement

from a musician "Well done!" Clinton's last defense secretary

Riser's partner Olympic 21 track event in which Kenya dominates Intuitive ability

in the Marvel Universe 24 Hero's journey,

Hit hard Dad, in Korean Job for a model Chess great Spassky

Who's ahead and who's not in campaign coverage, so to speak Early

Chromebook manufacturer **Energy-efficient** bulbs, for short Identify (as)

Wise ones

Black nickname for Kobe Bryant What fell on Chicken Little's

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43 Medieval characters 9/5

Pod member One of the three landlocked countries with four-letter names, aside from Chad and Mali

R&B/pop singer 48 Aubrey 49 "Look what I

did!" "You cannot look at a sleeping __ and feel tense": Jane Pauley Montevideo Mrs.

ANSWER TO THURSDAY'S PUZZLE:

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CAROLYN HAX Pushing partner to make amends with kids

No. 0801



BY CAROLYN HAX tellme@washpost.com

Dear Carolyn: Boyfriend and First Wife divorced when their kids were in middle school. A couple of years later, First Wife and kids moved five states away. Boyfriend paid child support but has had minimal contact with his children in the 40 years since.

Subsequent wives were indifferent to his kids and were content with what was essentially abandonment of them.

I am not OK with it and have strongly encouraged him to write to them, apologizing for ghosting them and telling them he would really like to re-establish contact. He's not disagreeing with me but he's not doing anything to bring this about, either.

How hard should I push? We are getting married in just a few months. — No Name or

City Please

No Name or City

Please: You cannot make him apologize.

More important, you cannot make him apologetic by wanting him to apologize.

So he is not disagreeing with you verbally, OK, but he has applied his agency toward "not doing anything to bring this about."

Start at the double hexagon. Spell solutions to the clues below by winding your way through the grid. You can backtrack to use letters more than once. Each new word starts with the last letter of the S R N 0 G D M R M Ε 1. Criminal organizations G____ 2. Entrap E_____ 3. Came out of hiding 4. Black mark 5. Window over a door GANGS, SNARE, EMERGED, DEMERIT, TRANSOM

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That means he is disagreeing with you. In a way, that's worse. He won't say who he is to your face.

He won't say to you that you cannot make him someone other than the person who abandoned his children when they were in middle school. For him not to be that,

he would have to feel his own remorse, not yours; think up his own amends, not yours; and make them on his initiative, not yours.

With silence, the risk is always that we start imagining what we most want to hear, and not what it's trying to tell us.

If you are not OK with what he did then or what he has done about it since, then you are not OK with the man you plan to marry.

Dear Carolyn: My partner and I have very different perspectives about being friends with one's ex. I think it's possible but only when you can be sure this isn't a waiting-in-thewings situation. He thinks it's highly unlikely that men could be so evolved.

The situation: I had a one-night fling with a friend of 10 years about five years ago. My partner just found out about this and feels very hurt that I have this friendship. My

friend is about to propose to his girlfriend, and we catch up twice a year.

I think my partner needs to demonstrate some maturity on this, but he cannot wrap his head around it. What can I say to him? Or am I in the wrong?

To Be Friends or Not to Be Friends

To Be Friends or Not to Be Friends: Your ex is your friend. Your partner trusts you or he doesn't. If he doesn't, then he leaves, his loss. It is not your job to prove yourself or your worth to anyone.

There is no "it's possible" or "it's not possible," like people are just their categories and all behave accordingly. Ludicrous.

Some exes can be friends and some can't. Some people and circumstances are trustworthy and some aren't.

So how 'bout we flip this to what your partner can say to you. Such as, can any rational point be made about individual relationship behavior in this format: "It's highly unlikely that men could

If I were you, then I'd be a lot more concerned about his reasoning skills, his opinion of you and his confidence in himself.



Shaq's OGs guard Stephen Curry (30) of the Golden State Warriors celebrates with the MVP trophy after defeating Chuck's Global Stars during the 2025 NBA All-Star Game on Feb. 16. The 2026 All-Star Game will reportedly have yet another format change.

Report: NBA to modify All-Star Game again

Field Level Media

The NBA reportedly is tinkering with the All-Star Game format again, this time adding an international twist.

The 2026 competition will feature two teams of U.S. players and one team of international players squaring off in a roundrobin event, ESPN report-

ed Wednesday night. Per the report, the sides would each square off in games using 12-minute quarters.

League officials and representatives of the National Basketball Players Association put the plan in front of the NBA's competition committee on Wednesday, and the reaction was favorable, according to ESPN.

Another change for 2026 would be a move of the event from a Sunday night timeslot to a Sunday afternoon. The All-Star Game is slated for Feb. 15 at the Los Angeles Clippers' home arena in Inglewood, Calif., and it will be aired by the league's new television partner,

The 2025 All-Star for-

mat, a mini tournament, was largely panned. Three teams of All-Star were drafted by captains, and a fourth team was the winner of the Rising Stars Challenge. Those sides met in semifinals and a final, with each game played to a target score of 40 points instead of having a game clock.

Television ratings for the Feb. 16 event in San Francisco dropped 13 percent.

NBA commissioner Adam Silver said in late April, "I thought we made almost an immeasurable amount of progress (with the All-Star Game). I thought this was a little better, but it was a miss. We're not there in terms of creating an All-Star experience that we can be proud of, that our players can be proud of.'

Asked then if the NBA planned to follow the lead of the NHL, which scrapped its standard All-Star Game for the well-received Four Nations Face-Off, Silver said, "I'm not sure that makes sense, with the level of development, if that's fair to lump all the other countries together these days."

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Legals & Public Notices

NOTICE

A Board of Architectural Review public hearing will be held on Wednesday September 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Second Floor-Council Chamber Urban County Government Center, 200 East Main Street in order to review the following applications for:

135 Suburban Court: Construct rear addition.200 West High Street: Con-struct a brick dumpster enclosure.287 South Limestone: Retain deck along West Maxwell Street.312 Madison Place: Construct brick piers.316 East High Street: Construct carport.424 West Sixth Street: Install an exterior stair lift.426 East High Street: Change openings.612 North Broadway: Demolish a two-story porch; construct a two-story addition.702 Central Avenue: Construct garage.722 West High Street: Install front yard metal fence; continue masonry wall along side yard; and construct brick piers in front and rear yard.

The full Agenda is available at www. lexingtonky.gov/calendar.

For further information, contact Division of Historic Preservation

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Legals & Public Notices NOTICE TO INFORM:

At the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council meeting on August 28, 2025, Ordinances 55-68 were enacted related to: (1) An Ordinance amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to provide funds to prepare for Grant closures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds;(2) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to provide funds for purchase orders and pre-paid expenses rolling from FY 2025 into FY 2026, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds; (3) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lex-FY 2025 into FY 2026, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds; (3) amending certain of the Budgets of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to reflect current requirements for municipal expenditures, and appropriating and re-appropriating funds; (4) amending the authorized strength by creating one (1) unclassified position, expiring on September 30, 2026, in the Div. of Enhanced 911; (5) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified position and creating one (1) classified position, all in the Div. of Internal Audit; (6) amending the authorized strength by abolishing two (2) unclassified positions in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, abolishing one (1) unclassified position, in the Div. of Youth Services, abolishing five (5) unclassified positions in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and abolishing one (1) unclassified position, in the Div. of Grants and Special Programs, all effective as of July 1, 2025; (7) amending the authorized strength by transparent by the programs of (1) classified position from the Management to the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and Parks and Recreation Recreat the authorized strength by transferring one (1) classified position from the Div. of Waste Management to the Div. of Human Resources, and transferring the incumbent; transferring one (1) unclassified position from the Office of the Mayor to the Dept. of Social Services; transferring three (3) classified positions from the Office of the Mayor to the Dept. of Social Services, and transferring the incumbents; and transferring one (1) classified position from the Office of the Mayor to the Dept. of Social Services, and transferring the incumbent, all effective as of July 1, 2025.(8) authorizing salary supplements for certain classifications in the Div. of Water Quality, as follows: Treatment Plant Operator Apprentices and Treatment Plant Operators who are assigned to work second shift or third shift shall be eligible for a one dollar (\$1) per hour shift differential, calculated as additional compensation on an hourly basis; and Treatment Plant Operator Apprentices, Treatment Plant Operators, and Solids Processing Supervisors who hold Wastewater Treatment Operator Apprehitices, freatment Plant Operators, and Solids Processing Supervisors who hold Wastewater Treatment Operator Certifications from the Commonwealth of Ky. shall be eligible for a salary supplement, which shall be calculated as additional compensation on an hourly basis based on the highest certification obtained, as follows: \$1 per hour for Wastewater Treatment Operators, Class II; \$2 per hour for Wastewater Treatment Operators, Class II; \$3 per hour for Wastewater Treatment Operators, Class II; \$4 per hour for Wastewater Treatment Operators, Class IV; (9) amending the civil service authorized strength by abolishing one (1) unclassified position and creating one (1) unclassified position and reallocating the incumbent; and abolishing five (5) unclassified positions and creating five (5) unclassified positions and reallocating the incumbents, all effective the first pay period following Council approval.(10) amending the authorized strength by abolishing one (1) classified position and creating one (1) classified position, all in the Dept. of Law; (11) amending the authorized strength by creating one (1) classified position, in the Dept. of Information Technology, creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Police, creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Fire and Emergency Services, creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Community and Resident Services, creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Parks and Recreation, and creating one (1) classified position, in the Div. of Planning, all effective as of July 1, 2025;(12) levying ad valorem taxes for municipal purposes for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the assessed value of all taxable property within the taxing jurisdictions of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (all taxes on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation as of the January 1, 2025 assessment date), as follows: General Services District, \$.075 on real property, including real property of public service companies, \$.0911 on personal property, including personal property of public service companies, noncommercial aircraft, and noncommercial watercraft, \$.1500 on insurance capital, \$.0150 on tobacco in storage, and \$.0450 on agricultural products in storage; Full Urban or Partial Urban Services Districts based on urban services available on real property, including real property of ruli orbart or Partial Orbart Services Districts based on unbart services available of real property of public service companies, \$.137 for Refuse Collection, \$.027 for Street Lights, \$.009 for Street Cleaning, \$.0920 on insurance capital, \$.0150 on tobacco in storage, \$.0450 on agricultural products in storage; abandoned urban property \$1.00; and levying an ad valorem tax for municipal purposes at the rate of \$.088 on each \$100.00 of assessed value on all motor vehicles and watercraft within the taxing jurisdiction of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government as of the January \$1.000 or \$1.000 1, 2026 assessment date; (13) levying ad valorem taxes for purposes of support of the Soil and Water Conservation District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the assessed value of all taxable real property within the taxing jurisdiction of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, including real property of public service companies, at a rate of \$.001 on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of assessed valuation as of the January 1, 2025, assessment date;(14) adopting the request of the Lexington-Fayette County Health Dept. under KRS 212.755 and levying a special ad valorem public health tax for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, on the assessed value of all taxable real and personal property within the taxing jurisdiction of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, including real and personal property of public service companies, noncommercial aircraft, noncommercial watercraft, and inventory in transit, and excluding insurance capital, tobacco in storage, and agricultural products in storage, at the rate of \$.0243 on each \$100.00 of assessed value as of the January 1, 2025 assessment date; and levying a special ad valorem public health tax at the rate of \$.0243 on each \$100.00 of assessed value on all motor vehicles and watercraft within the taxing jurisdiction of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, as of the January 1, 2026 assessment date. These documents may be viewed in their entirety at https://bit.ly/Ords55-68 or in the Council Clerk's Office at 200 E. Main St. Lexington, KY 40507. 859-258-3240. View all LFUCG legal notices at https://www.lexingtonky.gov/public-notices Sep 5 2025

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Locust Hill Dr., Lexington, KY, 40509 intends to hold a public sale to sell the property stored in the following units stored at the Facility. The sale will occur as an Online auction via www. storagetreasures.com on 9/8/2025 at storagerreasures.com on 9/8/2025 at 10:00 AM. Unit #1502; Unit #2133; Unit #2240; Unit #2262; Unit #2267; Unit #2271; Unit #2408; Unit #2414; Unit #2705. This sale may be withdrawn at any time without notice. Certain terms and conditions apply. 7568-316833 IPL0265202

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